Title: Regarding appointments of the selected and empanelled candidates for teachers as conducted by the Manipur Public Service Commission.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): I will be very brief. Since the State of Manipur is under President's Rule, I wish to raise this issue. There is a very serious matter which has developed there and which I wish to bring to the notice of the Government.

Under the order of the Guwahati High court and also the direction of UGC, Manipur Public Service Commission held examination and interview for appointment of teachers. A panel has been set up and 99 names are there.

From last year, those teachers have been waiting for their letters of appointment. They are not being appointed. On the other hand, some outsiders, who have neither appeared for any examination nor for interview, have been brought in for consideration other than what is above or on the table and are being recruited. Now, relay hunger strike is going on. There is support for these teachers from all quarters. After having been selected and empanelled, they are not being given employment. This is creating a law and order problem. In support of these teachers, who are on hunger strike, I request the Government to immediately intervene in the matter. Earlier also, we had written to the Minister. I wrote to the Governor of Manipur. He has just acknowledged my letter but no action has been taken. Further appointments are being made outside the list of empanelled candidates. Therefore, I request the Government to immediately look into the matter and see that those selected and empanelled may be given job.